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Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Dear Commissioner Adelstein,

Emergency response communications have never been more critical, or more difficult.

That's because of a common problem on police, fire and EMS radios: interference from NEXTEL. Interference, garbled or dropped communications, inhibits first responders from doing their jobs safely and effectively. Essentially, if first responders can't communicate, they can't help and may themselves be in danger.

There is a solution. Initiate a program of heavy fines on any public communications service provider that interferes with a private Public Safety Communications System. The Consensus Plan is seriously flawed and rewards the worst of practices by companies like NEXTEL, who knowingly interfere with mission critical communications systems and then approach those same agencies with special deals for service. These people are shameless. The management of these companies who promote the interference of Public Safety Radio Systems should be treated as common criminals and dealt with accordingly.

Let's quit playing around with the lives of those who serve to protect us and put their lives on the line for all of us on a daily basis, and clean up this mess. All interference mitigation efforts by responsible cellular carriers and independent RF engineering consultants to date point directly to NEXTEL as the source of 90+% of the interference to these critical communications systems.

It is time the FCC stood up to such deliberate interference tactics by NEXTEL aimed at grabbing more spectrum for pennies on the dollar.

Sincerely,

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